

2017 State Speech Panel Topics:

Please reserve these topics or similar topics for district and state speech.

- Has "political correctness" gone too far or not far enough in our schools?
- Should public outreach/service be a serious requirement for graduation?
- What can be done to improve voter turnout rates for young adults (18-24)?
- How should we address gender bias in the debate community?
- Dan Schawbel, the managing partner of Millennial Branding, a New York consultancy, has advised advertiser that "if they don't communicate in five words and a big picture, they will not reach this generation," Is that a praise or a condemnation of Generation Z?

The below topics are from the potential topic ballot. Feel free to use these or create your own for invitationals.

- How can Idaho's youth increase sexual assault awareness in our communities?
- In response to the current crisis in the middle east, how should we address the refugee issue?
- What can Idaho's youth do to promote racial equality?
- What can Idaho's youth do to prevent animal cruelty?
- What can Idaho's youth do make their educational experience better?
- How can we as Americans protect the country without harming refugees?
- What can Idaho's youth do to prevent teen suicide?
- What can Idaho's youth do to prevent their peers from using banned substances?
- What can Idaho's youth do to stop perpetuating rape culture?
- What can Idaho's youth do to protect our environment?
- Is there a proper role(s) for Social Media in High School and, if so, what is it?
- Do dress codes really contribute [and how] to the education process?
- What are the roles students **should play** in school safety?
- How can we prevent racial biases which begin as early as preschool?
- Should Idaho mandate kindergarten for public school students?
- Noreena Hertz says members of Generation Z, "believe that it's the colour [sic] of their skin, their sex, their parents' economic status and their social standing that will determine their future." How can this perception be changed?
- According to the CDC, in Idaho nearly 20% of High School Youths (grade 9-12) "Seriously Considered Suicide" and 17% "made a plan to commit suicide" with nearly 10% actually attempting suicide. What should be done to lower these rates?
- How can Idaho's youth increase the prevalence of ethnic diversity in schools?
How can Idaho, as a community, encourage residents to get involved in the primary election?
How can Idaho's educational system increase the enrollment in advanced placement classes?
How can Idaho create a safer environment to help prevent mass shootings?
What can the youth of Idaho do to promote planned parenthood being accepted by the community?
- Should students be allowed to use mobile devices in class?
- Does year round schooling work better than 9 months a year?
- Should physical education be mandatory for students?
- Should sodas and sugary snacks be allowed to be sold in vending machines in school?
- Should all schools provide students with technology devices?
- "How can GMOs be better labeled to help consumer awareness"
- "Resolved: The US government should limit domestic surveillance of cellular devices"
- "Resolved: Idaho should replace Standardized testing."

- "The US government should improve training and evaluation of law enforcement officers"